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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATION TO ZAMBIA; DUKE ELLINGTON ORCHESTRA

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1. EMBASSY DEEPLY GRATEFUL ELLINGTON VISIT CONFIRMED.
2. HAVE HELD INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GRZ OFFICIALS REGARDING PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES AND ELLINGTON ACTIVITIES. GRZ ACCEPTS ALL CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED REF B. ELLINGTON AND ORCHESTRA TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL GUESTS OF GRZ AND GIVEN VIP TREATMENT. ON BASIS THREE-CONCERT SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED BY DEPT TENTATIVE PROGRAM OUTLINE EMERGING AS FOLLOWS:

NOV 23 OUTDOOR CONCERT IN LUSAKA
NOV 24 LATE AM FLY TO LIVINGSTONE FOR CONCERT PM FLY
TO NDOLA FOR EVENING CONCERT
NOV 25 RETURN TO LUSAKA

3. GRZ OFFICIALS HAVE PROPOSED THAT DEPT CONSIDER RESCHEDULING DUKE'S NOV 25 DEPARTURE AS FOLLOWS IN ORDER HAVE ZAMBIAN COMMAND PERFORMANCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT STATE HOUSE:

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NOV 25 DEP LUSAKA 2050 AZ 857

NOV 26 ARR ROME 0805
NOV 26 DEPT ROME 0905 AZ 282
NOV 26 ARR LONDON 1125

4. POST ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL. FIRST, ORCHESTRA TRAVEL MORE CONCENTRATED AND WITHOUT SEVEN-HOUR LAYOVER ENROUTE NOW SCHEDULED IN NAIROBI. SECOND, SUNDAY ONLY OPPORTUNITY SCHEDULE STATE HOUSE PERFORMANCE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA. ALTHOUGH KAUNDA NOT SAME GENERATION AS EMPEROR SELASSIE PERSONAL MEETING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE BETWEEN ELLINGTON AND KAUNDA INVALUABLE TO ENTIRE MISSION OBJECTIVES.

5. FYI: POST HAS ALREADY MADE TENTATIVE BOOKINGS WITH MR. MICHELLO, LUSAKA OFFICE ZAMBIA AIRWAYS. END FYI.
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